

Wildlife Biology Internships

Gain experience with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife while working to understand the breeding ecology of the endangered whooping crane

Description

The Necedah National Wildlife Refuge, in Juneau County Wisconsin, is seeking 2 energetic and pragmatic individuals to assist with wildlife research and habitat management. Interns will have the opportunity to collect data on the breeding ecology of Whooping Cranes, monitor Karner Blue Butterfly populations, and conduct a habitat assessment for Sharp-tailed Grouse. Interns will be introduced to various tools and techniques of wildlife conservation and management including: habitat management, wildlife study design, data collection, data entry and summary. Field work will include using surveillance cameras to document crane behavior, conducting radio-telemetry of marked whooping cranes, measuring habitat characteristics and implementing habitat management actions. Additional field responsibilities may include surveying for breeding birds, banding waterfowl and assisting on prescribed fires.

Interns will work closely with refuge staff, and other partners, while developing skills for a career in wildlife biology and conservation. Applicants should expect a well-rounded experience, long and often unpredictable workdays, and potentially inclement working conditions common to field biology. Starting date and duration are negotiable, but 3-6 month availability, beginning 1 April 2014, is preferred. Successful applicants will receive a living allowance of \$600 / month. Comfortable and modern on-site housing will be provided.

Qualifications

Applicants must possess a valid driver's licenses, a positive attitude and a willingness to work an unpredictable schedule. Preference will be given to applicants with:

- Experience conducting radio telemetry
- Proficiency with handheld GPS units and familiarity with GIS
- Experience with Microsoft office suite
- Experience operating 4WD vehicles
- Capable of traversing uneven, wet terrain
- Familiarity with plants and animals of Wisconsin

To apply, email a **resume, including 2 references**, to brad_strobel@fws.gov by **9 March 2014**.

For more information about the refuge please visit us at, <http://www.fws.gov/refuge/necedah/> or find us on facebook.